

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A method and system for configuring and unlocking an electronic reading device utilizes a reading sensor for detecting a portion of an address pattern on a formatted surface. In particular, the address pattern on the surface is formatted such that a position on the address pattern can be determined by detecting only a small portion of the address pattern. A processor identifies whether the detected position of the address pattern is within an electronic reading device configuration area and, if so, converts position data received from the reading sensor into a configuration setting for the electronic reading device. The conversion can be performed, for example, by translating the detected position(s) into an alphanumeric character. The configuration setting is then stored in the electronic reading device and/or in a server associated therewith. Alternatively, instead of converting detected positions into a configuration setting, detected positions can be converted into an unlocking code (e.g., a PIN or signature), which is then compared with a stored user identifier. If a match occurs, the electronic reading device is enabled or unlocked.

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